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January 13th, 2015

The Honorable Kirk Francis
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The Honorable Brenda Commander
Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
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The Honorable Edward (Charlie) Peter Paul
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The Honorable William Nicholas
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The Honorable Fred Moore
Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians
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Re: State of Maine's application to administer water quality standards in Maine tribal waters

Dear Tribal Leaders:

As I mentioned during our conference call on December 2nd, 2014 the Agency plans to issue a determination on the State of Maine's application to administer water quality standards in Maine tribal waters in the very near future, and I committed to you that we would meet to discuss EPA's decision at the point EPA was prepared to issue it. Accordingly, I would like to invite you to discuss this determination with me and my staff, including representatives from the Region's water and tribal programs and attorneys from the Region's Office of Regional Counsel.

To this end, Chief Francis has graciously offered to host this discussion at the Penobscot Indian Nation's Tribal Council chambers on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 from 1:30 – 4:00pm. I look forward to sharing the details of this pending determination with you at that time and answering any questions that you may have.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Michael Stover at (617) 918-1123 or stover.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Curtis Spalding", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

H. Curtis Spalding
Regional Administrator